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# McCarthy Chides the CIA

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The Central Intelligence Agency's insistence that its financial support of organizations such as the National Students Association was authorized by several presidents is "not a very good defense," Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn., told a Women's National Press Club luncheon yesterday at the Willard Hotel.

"If we are to accept that line of reasoning, we would have to stop criticizing the secretary of agriculture—which I'm sure he'd like—and every other government official," McCarthy said.

## Question of Method

"But we can't blame everything in sight on the President," he argued. Assuming the CIA was authorized to do what it did, he said, the deeper question becomes one of method.

Former CIA Director John McCone used to maintain that no question of method should be argued when the objective was fighting communism, the Senator recalled.

This, in turn, he said, echoed Britain's Lord Cromwell, who in defending his actions, said:

"If you are satisfied the objectives are good, then there is no reason to question the methods."

The result of such reasoning, McCarthy said, "has been the development of an unlimited foreign policy—the spread of an area in which questions of methods and means are not allowed."

This, in turn, he suggested, can lead to "a kind of Kafka-like world," in which members of this "very special kind of agency take a vow to their leader, and then are not responsible for some of their actions."

Addition of three members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to the Senate "oversight" committee supposed to watch the CIA (the "substance" of a resolution he had proposed last year) should mean that "some questions will be asked and some answers given" in these areas, McCarthy said.

## Not Underground Types

The senator said he does not "altogether fault CIA" for passing money to NSA and other groups, "—except for getting caught."

"There are two or three people at both the Republican and Democratic National Committees that could have handled that amount of money without getting caught," he quipped.

Also in a lighter vein, the senator suggested that Americans really don't make very good spies, because "they don't like to stay underground a whole generation."

Women, McCarthy added, may be the great overlooked source of spies and "about the only source we have now."

"They are used to anonymous service," he said. "They willingly give up their name for a whole generation."

In opening his speech, McCarthy said he has discovered that he serves on the board of directors of "at least eight organizations" to which the CIA has been giving money.